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## BOOTH SAYS IT IS ALL BLACKMAIL JAPAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS

### KOMURA EXPLAINS, HATTOI ATTACKS, AND JINGOES CHEER

TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 2.—Baron Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, made a statement in the Japanese Diet today bearing on the agitation against the Japanese that is going on in California and Nevada.

Komura declared that the policy of the Government is a policy of peace and he is confident that the known friendship and the spirit of justice prevailing in America will prevent legislation that may lead to international complications.

Hattori, leader of the Opposition, made a speech in reply. He attacked the passive policy of the Government. His utterances were loudly cheered.

### Nevada Assembly Has Passed Its Resolve

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 2.—The Nevada Assembly today passed the resolution directed against the Japanese, after eliminating the adverse reference to President Roosevelt.

### Trans-Pacific Line Starts From Mexico

CITY OF MEXICO, Mex., Feb. 2.—English, Japanese, and Mexican capital has combined to start a steamship line with ships plying from the Mexican coast to San Francisco and the Orient.

#### WAINWRIGHT CHARGES QUALTROUGH DRUNK

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 2.—Admiral Wainwright charges that Captain Qualtrough of the battleship Georgia was intoxicated during a reception held in connection with the festivities of the Atlantic Fleet. A court-martial has been appointed.

#### SAGHALIEN SHAKEN

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Feb. 2.—Earthquakes are reported on the Island of Saghalien in the North Pacific.

#### TEN CALHOUN JURORS

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 2.—Ten jurors have been secured for the trial of Patrick Calhoun.

### POST CARD VOTE ON SHIPPING LAW

Merchants' Association Will Take Mail Ballot

MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY

Result of Vote Will Be Cabled to Delegate Kuhio at Washington—The Action Is Final

The sentiments of the members of the Merchants' Association for or against the suggested suspension of the coastwise shipping law, as far as Hawaii is concerned, will probably be ascertained by means of a post-card vote. President Fred L. Waldron of the Association has called a meeting for 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and steps will then be taken preparatory to the sending out of the cards.

The action is taken at the request of ten prominent members of the Merchants' Association, who are anxious to get a clear idea concerning the sentiments of the members. What ever the result of the vote may be, will be cabled directly to Washington to guide Delegate Kuhio in his actions.

It is believed that a more truthful expression of sentiment can be secured by means of a post-card ballot than in open meeting. Members have heard the matter discussed in all its phases and have, as a general thing, made up their minds.

Members of the Association believe that it is wise at this time, considering the action taken by other civic bodies, to get as general an expression of sentiment as possible. Realizing the difficulty in getting out to a meeting a sufficiently representative gathering of members to insure the securing of the true majority sentiment, the post-card method has been hit upon as the most desirable.

"Just as quickly as we receive the answers to the cards we will cable Washington. That should settle the matter, as far as the Merchants' Association is concerned," said President Waldron this morning.

### MORE CONDEMNATION

Condemnation proceedings were filed this afternoon by United States District Attorney Breckons against the Bishop Estate trustees, the Territory of Hawaii, C. M. Cooke, Anna C. Cooke, F. J. Lowrey, Cherilla L. Lowrey, Lau Chong, Chin Shee, Philomena Keiki, Victoria K. Kaawa, Isaac K. Kaawa, Margaret M. Kaonahi Kaakua et al. The land for which title is sought consists of 1.7 acres makai of Kalakaua avenue. The value of \$800 is placed thereon.

"For Rent" cards on sale at the Bulletin office.

### CALL KAAE ACCOUNTS MOCKERY AND FARCE

Many Objections Made By Guardian of Carter Minors

Objections to the allowance of the accounts of Jessie K. Kaae as executrix under the will of the late Margaret V. Carter, and as administratrix of the estate, have been filed by Edgar Henriques, as guardian of the Carter minors, and a warm battle in this superannuated case can now be expected.

Henriques' objections are that it appears from the so-called accounts that Mrs. Kaae has failed to give a true, fair, and correct, or any, account of the moneys which have come into her possession by virtue of her respective trusts.

Henriques also alleges that many of the items and charges against the estate are excessive, illegal, improper and not properly chargeable against the estate. He begs leave to call attention thereto on the hearing thereof. Henriques also claims that Mrs. Kaae, by reason of her neglect of the trusts reposed in her, is not entitled to any commissions or compensation.

Finally it is alleged that the pretended accounts are "frivolous and trifling, not intended to give a full, fair, accurate, or any account of her receipts and disbursements in her respective capacities, and fail to fairly, correctly, or at all comply with the previous order of this Court, made July 7, 1908, and that the said so-called accounts are a mockery, a travesty upon justice, and a farce."

### MURIEL CAMPBELL'S PETITION DENIED

Mrs. Campbell Parker's Will Admitted To Probate

The will of the late Mrs. Campbell Parker was today admitted to probate by Judge Robinson, but the petition of Miss Muriel Campbell, asking that she be appointed an executrix under the will to serve with the Hawaiian Trust Co., was denied. Attorney Anderson appeared for the Hawaiian Trust Co. and Frank Thompson for Miss Campbell. George Davis also took part in the proceedings.

At the beginning of the proceedings Miss Campbell asked, through Davis, (Continued on Page 2)

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### RECORD-BREAKING PARTY IS COMING

Many Tourists Will Arrive On Steamship Mongolia

FLORAL PARADE IS PROVING ATTRACTIVE

Promotion Committee Hears of Many Pilgrims Headed Toward Hawaiian Isles—Record Season

What is believed will be the largest party of tourists that ever arrived here on one ship, will reach Honolulu on the Mongolia on the morning of the 22nd. H. P. Wood of the Promotion Committee has received advices that two parties, one from Los Angeles and the other from Chicago and the Middle West, will be among the passengers on the big Pacific Mail liner.

"Both the Chicago and the Los Angeles parties are coming here especially to witness the Floral Parade," said Wood this morning. "The Los Angeles party was worked up by Mrs. Headlee, our representative with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce."

"We have received information to the effect that a large number of other tourists will arrive at the same time, and I believe that, as far as tourists for Honolulu are concerned, the Mongolia's passenger list will prove a record-breaker. In the Los Angeles party alone there will be twenty-five persons, while the Chicago party will consist of fifteen people."

The extensive advertising which the Floral Parade has received this year is evidently bearing fruit and word has been received of several other parties, contemplating visits here in time for the Washington's Birthday celebration.

It is believed that a list of the members of the Los Angeles party will arrive here on the next mail.

Already the number of tourists who have arrived here has made a noticeable change in the appearance of the hotel corridors. Those in close touch with affairs believe that this season's tourist business will equal that of any previous season if not set an entirely new record.

### FORFEITED BAIL

A dozen Japanese, including one wahine, arrested for gambling yesterday, forfeited their bonds this morning in the Police Court.

S. Ando, a Japanese storekeeper in Hilo, has been ordered to appear before Judge Dole to show cause why a petition filed by Hoffschlaeger & Co., von Hamm-Young Co., and I. Rubenstein, asking that he be declared a bankrupt, should not be granted.

The Associated Press cable to the Bulletin of January 25 announced the favorable action of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the bill creating two United States Judgeships for Hawaii.

### POLICE OFFICER SAYS HE HIMSELF HELPED BURN BOOTH HOUSE

Booth Says It Is Blackmailing Scheme

Prosecution Expects to Prove Sensational Array of Facts Through Kaaumoana, Booth's Co-Defendant, and Others

Charles W. Booth and Kaaumoana, the place to store dry grass and firewood under the house and on the veranda. Dry grass was placed between the tiers of the wood. The son, who was living makai, was given an empty gin bottle, which he was told to bring to the house filled with kerosene. This he did many days in succession, bringing a full bottle and returning with it empty every day until the contents of an entire can of kerosene had been brought to the house. The kerosene was poured on the dry grass and the wood by the old man and the son who were living on the premises. Booth, according to show, also told these men to prepare kerosene torches, which, he said, were to be used on a fishing excursion at Kaiala, where Booth at the time had a country house. On the afternoon of the day of the fire, Booth took the old man and his two sons to Kaiala, but the torches were left behind at the house on Pacific Heights.

Attorney Prosser appeared for Booth, while Kaaumoana had no counsel. In both cases plea was reserved until next Tuesday. Booth has been released on a \$10,000 bond after some debate in which Prosser took the part of Kaaumoana, stating that his firm might later on be retained by him, the bond of that gentleman was fixed at \$2500, which, it is believed, he will be able to furnish this afternoon.

"I have been advised by my attorneys to say nothing about the case," said Booth when asked about his version of the matter on leaving the courtroom, "but I will say this, that it is all a big blackmailing scheme."

Since the arrest of Booth and Kaaumoana on indictments returned by the Grand Jury yesterday the community has indulged in considerable speculation as to what the facts of the case might be, and how it happened that the matter came to light at this late date, almost six years after the fire.

As learned by the Bulletin, the facts the prosecution expects to prove and on which the Grand Jury based its indictment, are very sensational in their nature. Probably the most sensational of them all is, however, the fact that one of the police officers who has been instrumental in working up the case is alleged to have himself been one of the parties who set fire to the house. This man is David Manuel, a special officer who was employed when Jarrett took office. Sheriff Jarrett, Deputy Sheriff Rose, and other officers have been working on the case for several months.

The details which the prosecution will try to prove are as follows: Booth had the insurance on the house raised about \$4000 shortly before the fire. He had an old Hawaiian, who is now dead, living on the premises with one of his sons. Another son of this old man lived further makai. Booth ordered the two men living on

Manuel promised his friend to assist him, and that night the two went to the house. They found the torches in readiness, and with their

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